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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: SPANISH SOLDIERS REPORTED KILLED IN  
GUERRILLA INCIDENT

1. IN JUNE 25 ARTICLE REPORTING PARA-MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SAHARA,  
SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS SUGGESTED FOR FIRST TIME THAT GOM-BACKED  
FLU GUERRILLAS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF SPANISH, AS  
OPPOSED TO SAHRAOUI, SOLDIERS. ARTICLE, WHICH CONTAINED FLU  
COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING A SUCCESSFUL ASSAULT ON SAHARA OUTPOST  
OF TAH JUNE 20, ALSO QUOTED AN AFP REPORT THAT FOUR SPANISH  
SOLDIERS AND ONE OFFICER WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR RECON VEHICLE  
STRUCK A LAND MINE. ARTICLE'S TEXT AND HEADLINE "AUDACIOUS FLU  
OPERATION...SEVERAL SPANISH SOLDIERS KILLED" IMPLIED  
THAT SAME GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED TAH ALSO PLANTED MINE.  
FLU COMMUNIQUE, HOWEVER, ONLY MADE USUAL REFERENCE TO  
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DEAD AND WOUNDED AMONG "OCCUPATION FORCES."

2. DAO RABAT'S IR 685 0152 75 REPORTS SPANISH SOURCE'S CLAIM THAT MINE LAID BY "MOROCCANS" DURING PROBING OPERATION AGAINST TAH JUNE 7.

3. COMMENT: SPANISH DEATHS AND SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS TREATMENT OF INCIDENT AMOUNT TO ANOTHER ESCALATION OF PRESSURE ON SPAIN. GOM NO DOUBT HOPES TO KEEP UP IMAGE OF CONTINUING LIBERATION STRUGGLE. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, GOM WOULD APPEAR TO BE COURTING POSSIBILITY OF HARsher SPANISH REACTION THAN IN PAST.

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